

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 16-22, are pending and under consideration. Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, and 17 have been amended herein and claim 22 has been added. Reconsideration is requested based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response to Arguments:

The Applicants appreciate the consideration given to their arguments. The Applicants, however, were disappointed that their arguments were not found to be persuasive.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 16-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,629,316 to Curtis (hereinafter "Curtis") in view of US Patent No. 6,952,479 to Shavit et al. (hereinafter "Shavit"). The rejection is traversed to the extent it might apply to the claims as amended.

The second clause of claim 1 recites:

A first storage medium readable by a computer and storing a script including parameters, the script is fixed information set so that cannot be changed.

Neither Curtis nor Shavit teaches, discloses, or suggests "the script is fixed information set so that cannot be changed," as recited in claim 1. In Curtis, rather, a specially designated "set to environment variable" method compares each environment variable name with the property variable name in the script file. In particular, as described at column 6, lines 14-17:

A specially designated "set to environment variable" method compares each environment variable name with the property variable name in the script file.

Since, in Curtis, a specially designated "set to environment variable" method compares each environment variable name with the property variable name in the script file, Curtis does not disclose that "the script is fixed information set so that cannot be changed," as recited in claim 1.

Curtis, moreover, updates the corresponding property object with the value of the environment variable set in the specially designated method if the names match. In particular, as described at column 6, lines 14-17:

If the names match, the method updates the corresponding property object with the value of the environment variable set in the specially designated method.

Since Curtis updates the corresponding property object with the value of the environment variable set in the specially designated method if the names match, Curtis does not disclose that "the script is fixed information set so that cannot be changed," as recited in claim 1.

Curtis, finally, allows a user to override the properties that are saved in the particular object, i.e., the Install Properties object, 611. In particular, as described at column 12, lines 36-42:

Another aspect of the preferred embodiment of the invention is a system, method, and program to override program properties as described with reference to FIG. 5 and FIG. 6. A method is added to the Install Properties object 611 (FIG. 6) called "set to environment" 614. This method allows a user to override the properties that are saved in the particular object, i.e., the Install Properties object, 611.

Since Curtis allows a user to override the properties that are saved in the particular object, i.e., the Install Properties object, 611, Curtis does not disclose that "the script is fixed information set so that cannot be changed," as recited in claim 1.

The fourth clause of claim 1 recites:

A second storage module, when a checked result is correct, storing values of the parameters, the parameters are changeable information set so that the values are changeable.

Neither Curtis nor Shavit teaches, discloses, or suggests "the parameters are changeable information set so that the values are changeable," as recited in claim 1. Curtis, rather, discloses "means for causing a replacement of a given associated value in the property object with the different property value for each of the identified property names that match one of the property names in the property object" in, for example, claim 1. Claim 1 is thus submitted to be allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 is earnestly solicited.

Claims 2, 4, and 18 depend from claim 1 and add additional distinguishing elements. Claims 2, 4, and 18 are thus also submitted to be allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2, 4, and 18 is earnestly solicited.

Claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, and 21:

The second and the third clauses of claims 5, 9, and 13 recite substantially:

Referring to a script including parameters, the script is fixed information set so that cannot be changed.

Checking values of the parameters, the parameters are changeable information set so that the values are changeable.

Neither Curtis nor Shavit teaches, discloses, nor suggests "referring to a script including

parameters, the script is fixed information set so that cannot be changed," and "checking values of the parameters, the parameters are changeable information set so that the values are changeable," as discussed above with respect to the rejection of claim 1. Claims 5, 9, and 13 are submitted to be allowable as well, for at least those reasons discussed above with respect to the rejection of claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5, 9, and 13 is earnestly solicited.

Claims 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19, 20, and 21 depend from claim 5, claim 9, or claim 13 and add additional distinguishing elements. Claims 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19, 20, and 21 are thus also submitted to be allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19, 20, and 21 is earnestly solicited.

Claim 17:

The second and the fourth clauses of claim 17 recite:

Encrypting a script, the script is fixed information set so that cannot be changed.
Checking values of parameters contained included in the script, the parameters are changeable information set so that the values are changeable.

Neither Curtis nor Shavit teaches, discloses, nor suggests, "encrypting a script, the script is fixed information set so that cannot be changed," and "checking values of parameters contained included in the script, the parameters are changeable information set so that the values are changeable," as discussed above with respect to the rejection of claim 1.

Claim 17 is thus submitted to be allowable as well, for at least those reasons discussed above with respect to the rejection of claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 17 is earnestly solicited.

New Claim 22:

The second in the fourth clauses of claim 22 recite:

Encrypting a script, the script is fixed information set so that cannot be changed.
Checking values of the parameters included in the script, the parameters are changeable information set so that the values are changeable.

None of the cited references teaches, discloses, nor suggests, "encrypting a script, the script is fixed information set so that cannot be changed," and "checking values of parameters contained included in the script, the parameters are changeable information set so that the values are changeable," as discussed above with respect to the rejection of claim 1.

Conclusion:

Accordingly, in view of the reasons given above, it is submitted that all of claims 1, 2, 4,

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5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 16-22 are allowable over the cited references. Allowance of all claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 16-22 and of this entire application is therefore respectfully requested.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing this Amendment, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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